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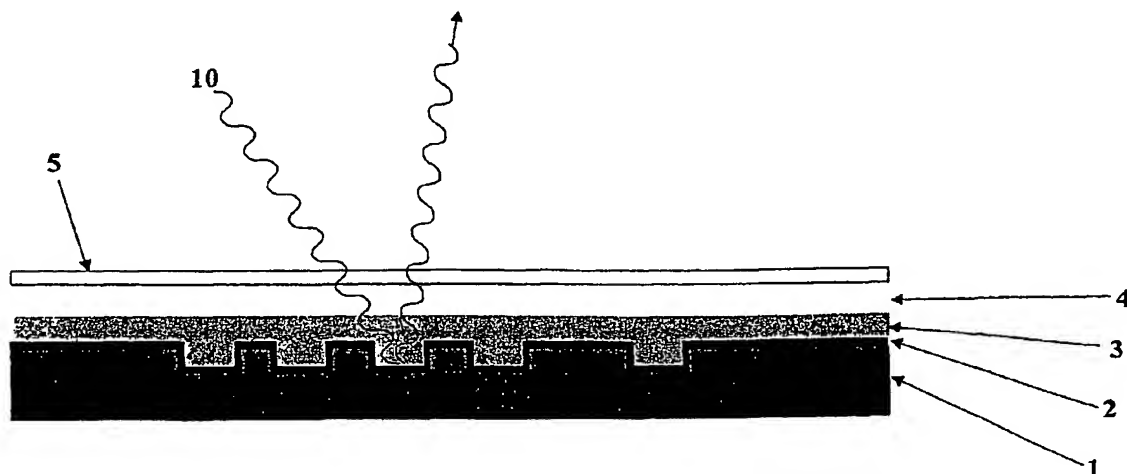
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nation of a liquid crystal material and a wavelength shifting material are incorporated into the optically-readable medium. The liquid
crystal material is selected to substantially interfere with the reading beam of a reading device. The wavelength shifting material is
selected to shift the wavelength at which the liquid crystal interferes with the reading beam so that the reading beam can read the
optically-readable medium. A predetermined stimulus causes the liquid crystal material to shift back to a configuration that substan-
tially interferes with the reading beam so that the reading beam can no longer read the content on the optically readable medium.

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